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December 22, 2003

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary  
Department of Telecommunications and Energy  
One South Station  
Boston, MA 02110

Re: Boston Edison Company, Cambridge Electric Light Company and  
Commonwealth Electric Company, D.T.E. 03-100

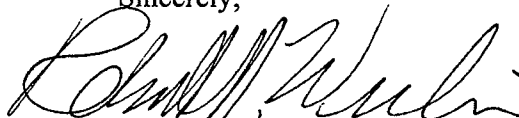
Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter are the responses of Boston Edison Company, Cambridge Electric Light Company and Commonwealth Electric Company d/b/a NSTAR Electric (the "Company") to the Information Requests set forth on the accompanying list.

Please also note that the Company is in receipt of comments filed with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (the "Department") in this proceeding as of December 18, 2003. Pursuant to the procedural schedule discussed during the December 11, 2003 procedural conference in this case (see Tr. 1, at 67), the Company hereby notifies the Department that it intends to file Reply Comments in this proceeding by December 31, 2003.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Robert N. Werlin

Enclosures

cc: William Stevens, Hearing Officer  
Service List

## Responses to Information Requests

Information Request DTE-1-1

Information Request DTE-1-2

Information Request DTE-1-4

Information Request DTE-1-1

The Filing Letter at 2 states that the Company "has solicited bids from wholesale suppliers to provide certificates from new renewable resources." Further, Attachment B to the Filing Letter at 1.1(g) requires "not less than five percent of the Renewable Attributes supplied under this Agreement being generated by qualifying wind or solar New Renewable Generation Units." Please describe any and all other requirements bidders must satisfy to supply certificates to the Company.

Response

In addition to the contractual requirements set forth in Attachment B of the Filing Letter, the Request for Proposals included the following, which describes the bidding requirements that must be satisfied:

Each Supplier shall submit a proposal, signed by an authorized official of the Supplier, containing the bid price information required in Appendix B. Appendix B will be provided electronically. In addition, proposals should contain explanatory, descriptive and/or supporting materials as necessary. Prices may vary by calendar month, but must be uniform for the entire calendar month and cover the entire Delivery Term selected by the Supplier. In addition, prices should not contain demand components or vary by time-of-use within a calendar month. Bids that contain minimum purchase requirements will be rejected. Suppliers shall specify a price for each customer group on which it bids. The price for each customer group or load zone may be different. Each proposal shall include the following:

1. Corporate history and most recent annual report;
2. Initial (if founded within the last ten years) and current capitalization;
3. Certified financial statements, including balance sheets and statements of income and cash flow with respect to the two previous fiscal years and the most recent interim period; and

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4. Forms 10-K and 10-Q, submitted to the United States Securities and Exchange Commission for the two previous fiscal years, if applicable.
5. In the alternative, similar documentation for Supplier's parental entity in the event Supplier intends to rely on such entity to guarantee performance.

Attachment DTE-1-1 is a copy of the Request for Proposals.

**BOSTON EDISON COMPANY,  
COMMONWEALTH ELECTRIC COMPANY  
AND  
CAMBRIDGE ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
FOR POWER SUPPLY FOR DEFAULT SERVICE  
AND FOR NEW RENEWABLE CERTIFICATE SUPPLY SERVICE**

For the Delivery Term commencing  
January 1, 2004

**September 17, 2003**

**BOSTON EDISON COMPANY,  
COMMONWEALTH ELECTRIC COMPANY  
AND  
CAMBRIDGE ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY**

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**I. Introduction and Background**

The Massachusetts Electric Industry Restructuring Act of 1997 (the "Act") provided for competition in the electric utility industry by extending competition in the wholesale power supply markets to retail customers through the provision of retail access to all customers. The Act provided access for all retail customers of Boston Edison Company ("BECO"), Commonwealth Electric Company ("Commonwealth") and Cambridge Electric Light Company ("Cambridge") (together, "NSTAR Electric") as of March 1, 1998. The Act requires each distribution company to provide default service to those customers who are not receiving generation service as part of the Standard Offer Service option or from a competitive supplier ("Default Service"). The Act further requires Default Service to be competitively procured. In addition, the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("DTE") has conducted a generic proceeding on rules and procedures for the provision of and pricing of Default Service<sup>1</sup>. As a result of that proceeding, the DTE ordered all electric companies in Massachusetts to procure Default Service through competitive solicitations by customer group (residential, commercial and industrial) and to procure such power at fixed monthly prices. In subsequent proceedings, the DTE again considered issues relating to the procurement of Default Service and the implementation of a congestion management and multi-settlement system within structured markets (Standard Market Design). In the first resulting order, the DTE considered the effects of congestion costs and locational marginal pricing ("LMP") related to the procurement of Default Service. This order requires all electric companies in Massachusetts to procure Default Service supply on a load zone-specific basis and to establish separate Default Service prices for each load zone for large C&I customers<sup>2</sup>. In a second order, the DTE has required distribution companies to procure Default Service supply on a quarterly basis for their large commercial and industrial customers.<sup>3</sup>

In this solicitation the NSTAR Electric companies are also seeking suppliers of New Renewable Energy Certificates to support the NSTAR Green renewable energy program, which is to commence on January 1, 2004. Implementation of the NSTAR Green program is contingent on DTE approval.

<sup>1</sup> Default Service, D.T.E. 99-60 (1999) (Notice of Inquiry).

<sup>2</sup> Default Service, D.T.E. 02-40-A (February 13, 2003).

<sup>3</sup> Default Service, D.T.E. 02-40-C (September 11, 2003).



The NSTAR Electric companies (BECo, Commonwealth and Cambridge) are each direct or indirect subsidiaries of NSTAR Electric and Gas Corporation, with a principal place of business at 800 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02199. NSTAR Electric is hereby issuing this Request for Proposals (“RFP”) to solicit and evaluate competing power supply offers from qualified power suppliers (“Suppliers”) to supply firm, load-following power to meet the Default Service requirements (as defined below) for each of the designated residential, commercial and industrial customer groups on a load zone-specific basis for the Delivery Term. Although Suppliers need not provide bids for each customer group or for each distribution company, Suppliers must provide separate fixed monthly pricing for each of the customer groups and load zones bid upon. NSTAR Electric plans to award the power supply for Default Service by customer group and load zone based on the bids received and the best interests of its retail customers. In addition, proposals to serve less than 100% of the available load of a customer group or proposals to serve individual calendar months will also be considered.

For the purposes of this solicitation, the customers of Commonwealth Electric Company are within the Southeastern Massachusetts load zone (“SEMA”) and the customers of Cambridge Electric Light Company are within the Northeastern Massachusetts load zone (“NEMA”). The customers of Boston Edison Company are within both the SEMA and NEMA load zones.

In addition, for the purposes of this solicitation, the Commercial Customer Group includes small and medium commercial and industrial customers and streetlights, and the Industrial Customer Group includes large commercial and industrial customers. The customer groups are as follows:

Customer Group	Rate Classes
Residential	BECo rates R-1, R-2, R-3 and R-4; Commonwealth rates R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, R-5 and R-6; and Cambridge rates R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, R-5 and R-6
Commercial (including street lighting)	BECo rates G-1, G-2, T-1 and street lights; Commonwealth rates G-1, G-4, G-5, G-6, G-7 and street lights; and Cambridge rates G-0, G-1, G-4, G-5, G-6 and street lights
Industrial	BECo rates G-3 and T-2; Commonwealth rates G-2 and G-3; and Cambridge rates G-2 and G-3

## II. Default Service Requirement

NSTAR Electric is soliciting offers for power supply, by load zone, to meet the needs of NSTAR Electric’s end-use customers in the Commercial Customer Group, the Industrial Customer Group and the Residential Customer Group, who are taking service pursuant to the Default Service Tariff. Default Service is provided to retail customers who are not otherwise eligible for Standard Offer Service or are not taking service from a competitive supplier. Service to

customers can be initiated by: (a) a customer notifying the applicable NSTAR company that it wishes to terminate service from its competitive supplier and commence Default Service; (b) a competitive supplier notifying the applicable NSTAR company that it is terminating service to a customer; (c) a competitive supplier ceasing to provide service to a customer; or (d) a customer moving into NSTAR Electric's service territory after March 1, 1998, who has not affirmatively chosen a competitive supplier and is not otherwise eligible for Standard Offer Service.

The power supply solicited is to begin: (a) for the hour ending at 0100 Eastern Prevailing Time (EPT) on January 1, 2004 and to terminate on the hour ending 2400 EPT on December 31, 2004 for 50% of the Default Service load for customers in the Residential and Commercial Customer Groups; (b) for the hour ending 01:00 EPT on January 1, 2004 and to terminate on the hour ending 2400 EPT on March 31, 2004 for 100% of the Default Service load for customers in the Industrial Customer Groups; (c) for the hour ending at 0100 EPT January 1, 2004 and to terminate on the hour ending 2400 EPT on June 30, 2004 for 100% of the NSTAR Green Service; and (d) for the hour ending at 0100 EPT on July 1, 2004 and to terminate on the hour ending 2400 EPT on December 31, 2004 for 50% of the NSTAR Green Service. In addition, Suppliers may provide separate bids for more than one of these Delivery Terms, or for specific months within these Delivery Terms. NSTAR Electric will consider only fixed price bids that can be evaluated on a fixed ¢/kWh basis.

### **III. Delivery**

The power supply for Default Service is to be delivered to the PTF within the NEMA and SEMA Load Zones, as appropriate for delivery to each customer taking default service. If, during the Term of this Agreement, the ISO switches from using Zonal Pricing to Nodal Pricing for the purpose of settling energy purchased to serve load, as defined by SMD, the power shall be delivered to the Node or Nodes, as defined by NEPOOL, appropriate for each customer in each Customer Group. NSTAR Electric will make arrangements for NEPOOL Regional Network Service, which provides for transmission over PTF, and Local Network Service from any applicable local transmission provider(s), which provides for transmission over non-PTF. NSTAR Electric will be billed by NEPOOL and the applicable local transmission provider(s) for these services. NSTAR Electric will pay these bills and collect the costs, along with its distribution costs, from its customers through its retail distribution tariffs. Any other transmission or distribution costs will be the Suppliers' responsibility.

### **IV. Nature of Service**

The Supplier of Default Supply Service for each customer group and load zone shall be responsible for meeting a fixed percentage of the service requirements for NSTAR Electric's customers in the customer group and load zone taking such service. These service requirements include delivery, to the PTF within the NEMA and SEMA Load Zones, of the portion of the electric capacity, energy and ancillary services required to meet the needs of NSTAR Electric's ultimate customers pursuant to the terms of the attached Default Supply Service Agreement. Supplier shall be responsible for all transmission and distribution losses associated with delivery of energy from the Delivery Points to the ultimate customers' meters.

The Supplier of Default Supply Service shall provide NSTAR Electric's renewable energy obligations resulting from the Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards promulgated at 225 CMR

14.00 et seq. These obligations are for 1.5% of the load to be from qualified Renewable Generation Sources for the period January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004.

## **V. Expected Loads**

NSTAR Electric's customers are free, at any time, to leave Default Service to take service from competitive suppliers and to return to Default Service.

To assist Suppliers in determining the potential load requirements, upon request, NSTAR Electric will provide the following information electronically (where available):

- ❑ Aggregate historical hourly Default Service load (including losses) by customer group, by distribution company, for the period January, 2001 to February, 2003; and
- ❑ Aggregate historical hourly Default Service load (including losses) by customer group, load zone and distribution company, for the period of March, 2003 to August 2003; and
- ❑ Market research indicating expected participation levels for NSTAR Green Power Program; and
- ❑ Copies of latest available DOER-110 reports showing the number of Default Service customers enrolled and energy consumption at retail by rate schedule.

NSTAR Electric cautions Suppliers that the information provided reflects NSTAR Electric's customers' past performance and is not a measure of future performance. It is understood and agreed that NSTAR Electric shall have no liability or responsibility to any entity resulting from the use of any such information. Suppliers are responsible for forecasting their obligations on an hourly, daily, and monthly basis. However, NSTAR Electric will provide the selected Suppliers with certain information to facilitate the projection of load requirements. Such data includes the history of energy and peak Default Service load, and subsequent updates to such information.

Suppliers may not limit the amount of power supply that may be purchased by NSTAR Electric, but may elect to bid a percentage of the load that the Supplier will serve for a particular customer group or load zone. Proposals that contain limits on the amount of power supply to be provided will be rejected.<sup>4</sup>

The amount of power supply for each customer group or load zone to be supplied by the winning Supplier(s) will be determined in accordance with the procedure contained in ARTICLE 6 of the proposed Power Supply Agreement, a copy of which is provided in Appendix A.

## **VI. NSTAR Green Program**

NSTAR Electric plans to, contingent on MDTE approval, offer a green power option (NSTAR Green) to its customers in both the Residential and Commercial Customer Groups beginning January 1, 2004. NSTAR Green shall provide participating customers with energy resourced utilizing an additional 25% of delivered energy from Renewable Generation, as defined under the

<sup>4</sup> For example, a Supplier offering to supply the residential customer group in the NEMA load zone must agree to supply a fixed percentage of the needs of that group. The Supplier may not offer to serve a fixed percentage of the residential customer group in the NEMA load zone with the condition that the amount of service purchased does not exceed a specified MW level in any given hour.

Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards promulgated at 225 CMR 14.00 et seq. The Supplier(s) of NSTAR Green will provide Massachusetts Renewable Energy Certificates (REC's) representing 25% of the energy delivered during calendar year 2004 to NSTAR customers who have elected to participate in NSTAR Green; the supply of these RECs is in addition to those minimum renewable energy quantities required to be supplied under Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards regulations (for calendar year 2004, this requirement is 1.5% of the energy supplied to retail customers, as noted above). Under the NSTAR Green Program, RECs representing not less than 5% of the energy delivered to participating customers must be from solar or wind New Renewable Energy resources. The Supplier(s) of NSTAR Green will not be required to supply the energy delivered to customers participating in NSTAR Green. The Supplier of Default Service for the respective customer group and load zone to which the customer would normally belong shall provide the energy delivered to NSTAR Green customers. Suppliers are requested to include separate and distinct pricing for the supply of RECs under the NSTAR Green Program.

## **VII. Proposals**

Each Supplier shall submit a proposal, signed by an authorized official of the Supplier, containing the bid price information required in Appendix B. Appendix B will be provided electronically. In addition, proposals should contain explanatory, descriptive and/or supporting materials as necessary. Each proposal must specify the price at which the Supplier will provide Default Service for each customer group and load zone. Purchases will be made on an "as-delivered" energy basis with prices stated on a fixed ¢/KWH basis. Prices may vary by calendar month, but must be uniform for the entire calendar month and cover the entire Delivery Term selected by the Supplier. In addition, prices should not contain demand components or vary by time-of-use within a calendar month. Bids that contain minimum purchase requirements will be rejected. Suppliers shall specify a price for each customer group on which it bids. The price for each customer group or load zone may be different.<sup>5</sup> Each proposal shall include the following:

1. Corporate history and most recent annual report;
2. Initial (if founded within the last ten years) and current capitalization;
3. Certified financial statements, including balance sheets and statements of income and cash flow with respect to the two previous fiscal years and the most recent interim period; and
4. Forms 10-K and 10-Q, submitted to the United States Securities and Exchange Commission for the two previous fiscal years, if applicable.

<sup>5</sup> For example, a Supplier may bid to serve the residential customer group in the SEMA load zone at X¢/kWh, the commercial customer group in the SEMA load zone at Y¢/kWh and the industrial customer group in the SEMA load zone at Z¢/kWh for the month of July 2004. For the month of August 2004, a Supplier may bid to serve the residential customer group in the SEMA load zone at A¢/kWh, the commercial customer group in the SEMA load zone at B¢/kWh and the industrial customer group in the SEMA load zone at D¢/kWh.

5. In the alternative; similar documentation for Supplier's parental entity in the event Supplier intends to rely on such entity to guarantee performance.

#### **VIII. Locational Installed Capacity (LICAP)**

Within the time period for delivery under this RFP, Suppliers may have the responsibility for the delivery of LICAP pursuant to the Standard Market Design (SMD) rules as finally approved by FERC. Because LICAP is largely undefined at this time, Suppliers are asked to make separate proposals: a) with the Suppliers taking responsibility for the delivery of LICAP under whatever terms and conditions are approved by the FERC and allocated to Default Service load under SMD, and b) with NSTAR Electric taking responsibility for the delivery of LICAP.

#### **IX. Terms and Conditions**

A winning Supplier(s) will be selected to provide Default Service to each of the customer groups and load zones during the term covered by this RFP. Each winning Supplier will provide Default Service to NSTAR Electric in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Power Supply Agreement. A copy of the proposed Power Supply Agreement, assuming one Supplier serves all customer groups and load zones, is provided in Appendix A-1. The winning Supplier(s) will be required to execute the applicable Power Supply Agreement(s) within five (5) business days of being notified that it has been selected as the winning Supplier. Should a Supplier request NSTAR Electric to consider any changes to the Power Supply Agreement, such request should be presented as a mark up to the PSA to NSTAR Electric by 4:00 pm EPT on Friday, October 3, 2003.

The parties selected to provide the RECs under the NSTAR Green program shall likewise be obligated to sign an agreement with NSTAR Electric; the form of such agreement is attached in Appendix A-2 hereof. The winning Supplier(s) will be required to execute such agreement(s) within five (5) business days of being notified that it has been selected as the winning Supplier. Should a Supplier request NSTAR Electric to consider any changes to the agreement, such request should be presented as a mark up to NSTAR Electric by 4:00 pm EPT on Friday, October 3, 2003.

#### **X: Supplier Requirements For Default Service**

Each Supplier must obtain all necessary regulatory approvals required to enable it to provide the applicable service prior to January 1, 2004.

Each Supplier responding to this RFP must meet certain conditions, including but not limited to:

- A. Each Supplier must be a member of NEPOOL and have a settlement account established with the NEPOOL billing system throughout the term of the period covered by this RFP.

- B. Demonstrate ability to comply with NEPOOL and ISO requirements;
- C. Demonstrate the ability to access resources sufficient to supply the amount committed (not be to be construed as requiring a potential supplier to hold title to power required at the time of the proposal);
- D. Demonstrate that it has the financial resources to perform its obligations. Further, Supplier shall be required to provide financial assurances and instruments satisfactory to cover NSTAR Electric's replacement power costs in the event of Supplier default including a Letter of Credit in the amount of Forty Million United States Dollars (\$40,000,000) prorated to the amount of Load supplied;
- E. Demonstrate its own experience and qualifications (not that of its affiliates or special purpose entities) to provide the amount and type of power offered;
- F. Commit to assisting and cooperating with NSTAR Electric in any regulatory or judicial process relating to the proposed purchase, at the Supplier's expense;
- G. Demonstrate the ability to meet the labeling and disclosure requirements of the Massachusetts legislation for all resources bid; and
- H. Cooperate with NSTAR's Green Power Program.

## **XI. Retail Customer Relationships**

All customers taking Default Services covered by this RFP will remain retail customers of NSTAR Electric. As the retail provider, NSTAR Electric will bill customers for the service provided and will provide customer service to all customers taking Default Service. NSTAR Electric will use reasonable efforts to provide notification to the Supplier(s) of Default Service of significant customer enrollments and terminations within a customer group.

## **XII. Right to Reject/Select Supplier**

Although it is NSTAR Electric's firm intent to select Suppliers as a result of this RFP, NSTAR Electric shall have the exclusive right to select or reject any and/or all of the proposals submitted at any time, for any reason and to disregard any submission not prepared according to the requirements contained in this RFP. Further, NSTAR Electric expressly reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to seek clarifications of any submissions, to negotiate to seek modifications to any submissions, to unilaterally change the schedule described herein or modify any of the rules and procedures set forth herein or any other procedures, to terminate the process described herein, and to invite any (or none) of the Suppliers to participate further in the process, all without prior notice to other potential parties.

A person's or an entity's preparation for this process, submission of information in response to this RFP, or participation in this process shall not operate to vest any rights in that person or entity or to create any duties or obligations for NSTAR Electric.

All submissions shall constitute an offer to sell to NSTAR Electric Default Supply Service or Green Power supply to each customer group and load zone and such offer shall be deemed to be held open until the earlier of October 10, 2003 or the date on which it is either accepted or rejected. Pricing contained in such offer may not be changed or withdrawn during this period.

### **XIII. Process and Schedule**

#### **A. Schedule**

NSTAR Electric intends to adhere to the following schedule, although it reserves the right to modify the schedule at any time at its sole discretion.

Issue RFP	September 17, 2003
Notice of Intent to Participate	September 24, 2003
Proposals due	October 3, 2003 at 4 p.m. EPT
Award Group Selected	October 9, 2003
Contracts finalized	October 17, 2003
Power Supply begins	January 1, 2004

#### **B. Communications**

All communications regarding this RFP must be in writing and may be made by hand delivery, fax or E-mail, addressed to:

NSTAR Electric & Gas Corporation  
Electric and Gas Energy Supply  
One NSTAR Way, NE220  
Westwood, MA 02090-9230  
Attn: James G. Daly  
Gary L. Cunningham

Fax: 781-441-8066

E-mail: [energy\\_supply@nstaronline.com](mailto:energy_supply@nstaronline.com)

**Proposals that have been e-mailed or faxed by 4:00 PM, October 3, 2003 must also be delivered by mail or by hand by October 6, 2003.**

**C. Confidentiality**

NSTAR Electric agrees that it will treat the non-public information it receives from Suppliers in a confidential manner and will not, except as required by law or in a regulatory proceeding, disclose such information to any third party or use such information for any purpose other than in connection with this RFP; provided, that, in any regulatory, administrative or jurisdictional proceeding in which confidential information is sought, NSTAR Electric shall take reasonable steps to limit disclosure and use of said information through the use of non-disclosure agreements or orders seeking protective treatment, and shall inform the Supplier if confidential information is being sought. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in any regulatory proceeding in which such confidential information is sought and a request for confidential treatment is made to the DTE, NSTAR Electric shall not be responsible in the event that it is determined that the request for treating information in a confidential manner is not warranted.

**D. Evaluation**

Proposals will be evaluated on the following bases:

1. Lowest evaluated bid price by customer group and load zone;
2. Responsiveness to non-price requirements; and
3. Risk relative to price and ability to serve the load.

In evaluating bid prices, NSTAR Electric will weigh monthly bids based on a forecast of the monthly Default Service load. In addition, while preference will be given to conforming bids, NSTAR may, at its discretion, review and select non-conforming bids.



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Information Request DTE-1-2

Please refer to the Filing Letter at 2, stating that the Company has “solicited bids from wholesale suppliers to provide certificates from new renewable resources.” The Filing Letter further states the Company has received initial bids and “is in negotiations for final contract terms and pricing for the certificates.”

- A. How many initial bids did the Company receive?
- B. Describe any criteria, other than price, the Company applied to evaluate the bids and to select a successful bidder(s).
- C. Based on the number of initial bids received and the negotiations of final terms, how many bidders does the Company anticipate contracting with?
- D. Based on the number of initial bids received and the negotiations of final terms, describe the anticipated composition of the resource portfolio for NSTAR Green.
- E. Based on the number of initial bids received and the negotiations of final terms, what is the anticipated term of the contract the Company anticipates entering into with a successful bidder(s)?

Response

- A. The Company received proposals from two suppliers.
- B. In addition to price, the Company is also evaluating the proposed resource mix and quantity being offered by suppliers. It is the Company’s goal to procure a supply that is responsive to the desired mix of resources including landfill gas, solar and wind resources based on market research with customers.
- C. The Company may enter into contracts with one, or a combination, of the suppliers that submitted initial bids in response to the Company’s bid solicitations. However, because final negotiations have not been completed, the Company has not determined the number of bidders with

whom the Company may enter into contracts for Renewable Energy Certificates.

- D. Based on expected enrollment rates and because of the limited quantity of qualifying New Renewable wind and solar contained in the proposals received by the Company, the expected 2004 resource mix for NSTAR Green is 22 percent biomass, 2 percent wind, 1 percent solar.
- E. The Company anticipates entering into contracts with a one-year term.

Information Request DTE-1-4

Please refer to the Filing Letter at 2, which states that the NSTAR Green offering will include "some wind and solar resources." Does the Company intend to send information disclosure labels to participating customers that present the environmental attributes of the NSTAR Green product option?

Response

The Company intends to utilize the data contained on New England Generator Information System ("NE-GIS"), which tracks the environmental attributes of generating resources in New England, to produce a product label consistent with the requirements of 220 C.M.R. 11.06(2) and any further requirements of the Department pursuant to any final order in NE-GIS, D.T.E. 03-62.